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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2003, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, through page 2, line 2 to read as follows:

Antidepressant drugs delay the removal of extracellular serotonin from the synapse by blocking serotonin transport, thereby prolonging the duration of serotonin receptor activity. The increased availability of serotonin triggers a cascade of neuroadaptive processes, which produces symptom relief after two to four weeks.